

 To: Superintendents and Test Coordinators  
From: Margo Healy, Director of Assessment and Accountability  
Date: October 29, 2008  
RE: Test Coordinator Update

Greetings to all of you,

The fall testing window is closed. Thank you for your care and expertise to make the testing go so well. I am collecting the Test Coordinator Checklists now, so please fax or email a PDF at your earliest convenience. This document will verify training and information required by the US Department of Education in the Peer Review Process. Thank you for your help. Test counts during the fall testing window are as follows:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Test Count</u>
Mathematics	10	18,698
Reading	10	18,671
Language Usage	10	18,480
Language Usage	11	5,731
Mathematics	11	4,360
Reading	11	2,934
Language Usage	12	1,545
Mathematics	12	1,543
Reading	12	1,032

#### **All 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Will Take the Science ISAT in Spring 2009**

- We embed field test items in the spring administration for all content areas and we need to know who will be testing in 10<sup>th</sup> grade for spring 2009 (math, reading and language usage). I will send a *quick-reply email* next week to ask for your response. Here are the questions:
  - a) My district is testing all 10<sup>th</sup> graders in the spring.
  - b) My district is testing only those students that failed to meet proficiency.
  - c) My district has another plan; we will be testing approximately \_\_\_\_\_ students in each content area.

#### **Winter Test Window is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Only**

- December 8, 2008 – January 23, 2008

## **Changes Coming Between Now and the Spring 2009 Test Window (April 13 – May 15, 2009)**

- **Idaho Student Identification Numbers**

Please talk with your technology coordinators. All districts have now been trained and unique student numbers have been generated. These numbers will be included in your SEF upload in March.

- **ISAT Idaho Extender, Part 2**

All students, all versions will include the ISAT Idaho Extender, Part 2. We will be working through test coordinators and special education directors to prepare for the accommodated versions.

- **Audio CD's**

All accommodated versions including paper/pencil, large print and Braille will include audio for those who have a read-to accommodation. We will be working through test coordinators and special education directors to prepare for the accommodated versions.

- **Newly Revised Idaho Alternate Assessment (1%)**

State Department of Education will be requesting that district test coordinators assist in the launch of the newly developed IAA. You will be asked to make a special, early upload of all students that will be taking the IAA. Please work with your Directors of Special Education to prepare the data for an upload in late November or early December.

- **Confidentiality**

Idaho is required to document that all school staff have knowledge of the FERPA laws around the confidentiality of student data. There will be a bullet added to the ISAT Security Agreement regarding the confidentiality of student data.

## **Science ISAT Proficiency for Graduation 2012**

**The requirement for passing the science ISAT will be in effect for student graduating in the year 2012.** It was originally required for the graduating class of 2010, the amendment was vague and there is confusion about a 2013 or 2012 effective date. The SDE and the State Board have agreed on this **requirement for the class of 2012** and it will be voted on in the November Board meeting. After Board approval, it goes through the legislative process and becomes part of the Administrative Rule. Watch for the minutes of the November Board meeting to verify this announcement.

## **Newsflash!**

### **USATestprep's Online Review for the ISAT**

You are going to get invitations from this company. They may be good or they may not! This is an opportunist company. I hope they are using our standards, blueprints, PLDs and content limits to match what they think are good items. They have not shown an alignment study to Idaho Content Standards and they have not communicated with us in any way. Be cautious with your resources of time and money.